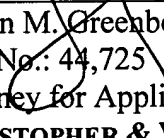


REMARKS

These remarks are set forth in response to the Final Office Action. As this amendment has been timely filed within the three-month statutory period, neither an extension of time nor a fee is required. Presently, claims 1 through 17 are pending in the Patent Application. Claims 1, 3, 8, 11 and 16 are independent claims. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, claims 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Also, in paragraph 3, claims 1 through 15 have been allowed. In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 16 and 17 leaving only claims which the Examiner has allowed. Consequently, this entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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